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PLANTAIN TREE PEST.

We have received several letters during the last few days regarding the plantain tree pest, to which we drew attention some time ago in these columns. It is stated that the pest is spreading in all directions, and that now there are a very few trees in and around Colombo that have not been affected with the disease. Fruits are scarce and the price has risen so high that plantains are now out of the reach of many people. The disease attacks the plant at all ages and once a tree is attacked, it is absolutely useless. A reporter of this paper inspected some trees that were affected by the disease near the Arcade premises in the Fort, and saw for himself that the trees were quite ruined. Trees in all parts of the island are being put down by their owners, but this treatment does not seem to check the spread of the disease. No news has been received from the villages outlying Colombo, where most of the fruit sold in the town comes from—as to whether the disease has spread to these parts or not, but from the daily diminishing stock that is brought into the market in town, it would seem that the villagers are also experiencing the same as the town brethren. It behooves the Department of Agriculture to look into the matter at once, else most assuredly will all the plantain trees in the island have to be cut down during the next few months. (Ceylonese.)

THE FUTURE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

The following special telegram appears in the Manila Cadenews-American:—As a consequence of a long conference between President Wilson and Secretary of War Garrison there is a great probability that the political future of the Philippine Islands will be very different from what has been anticipated by many politicians seeking high office in an independent republic. Secretary Garrison has declared himself strongly in favour of a modified self-government to be established on the lines of the government granted by Great Britain to what is known as the self-governing colonies, in which the home government has no control over the public officers, though the Crown appoints the Governor-General and retains a veto on all legislation. In the event of the adoption of Secretary Garrison's scheme of government for the Philippines there will be established an autonomous government, but the United States flag will continue to fly and the destinies of the people would be in the hands of the President of the United States, acting through his representative, the Governor-General.

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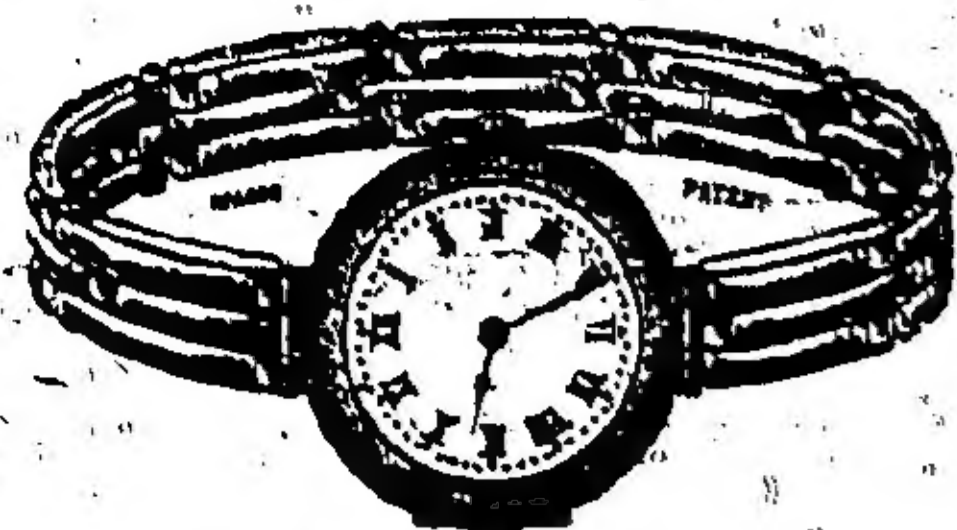
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Writing to The Times, Mr. Thomas Lough, M.P., describes the journey. In Australia, where a fierce political struggle was raging, both parties consented to a temporary truce to welcome the visitors.

A month was spent there, two weeks in Canada, two more in South Africa, and a few days in New Zealand.

The whole tour lasted about four months. A distance of some 37,000 miles was covered entirely in British ships, and with the two exceptions of Honolulu and Madeira no time was spent in any but British territory.

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If the visit should be the precursor of closer relations between the Empire, we should be glad to see something to strengthen these sentiments of mutual relationship which are the strongest bonds of the Empire.

Mr. Donald MacMaster, M.P., in conversation at Southampton drew on the many scenes in South Africa of the native war, and remarked that immigration was not actively encouraged by the Union Government.

THE BISHOP OF LONDON ON IMMORAL PLAYS.

The Bishop of London, speaking at a meeting of men at Mills and recently said that some of the plays which had been produced, and some of the books which had been written, had created a bad impression on all proportion.

The public opinion of men when they met was still rotten on this question. It was better than it had been, and one result of the improvement was the passing of the White Slave Traffic Bill.

That bill, he said, was a good thing, but he was sure that men had got the pluck to stand the shaft of their companions.

There were still hundreds of girls going down into degradation, and until men rose, with whom he called the shepherd instinct, they would never be able to crush out that great evil.

One of the disquieting features of the question was that not only had men been left to do battle for the rescue work, but they had also been left to pay for it.

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It is reported that Miss Molly Underwood is engaged to Sam Miller, who has been keeping company with her for the past eleven years.

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MR. HARDY DRAMATIZED.

"The Woodlanders" at Dorchester.

The Woodlanders, the new Hardy play, was produced in the Corn Exchange, Dorchester, last month by the players of the Dorchester Debating and Dramatic Society.

This is the sixth play of the series, which began with the production of Far from the Madding Crowd in 1908, and was continued with The Trumpet Major in 1909, The Millstock Quire in 1910, and The Three Way-fare and The Distracted Preacher in 1911.

Last year, by request, The Trumpet Major was reproduced.

The Woodlanders, like all the preceding plays (with the single exception of The Three Way-fare), which was prepared for the stage by Mr. Thomas Hardy himself, and which was recently played at the Little Theatre, was adapted from the novel by Mr. A. H. Evans.

It differs from all its predecessors in that the element of rustic humour is much less conspicuous, and the story advances it reaches itself unmistakably into tragedy, and ends on a sombre, tragic note—the death of Giles Winterborne in the rain-soaked autumn woods and the lament of the two women who loved him—Grace Melbury and Marty South—over his dead body and his undiminished fate.

Mr. Evans has eliminated from the play the lady's reconciliation of Grace Melbury and her erring and repentant husband, which lightens the shadows of the ending of the story.

Thus the play ends in a more gloomy and, the audience went home in a depressed and chastened mood.

ACCIDENT TO COL. MUSPRATT-WILLIAMS.

Explosive Letters at Calcutta.

Calcutta, November 13th.—The "Englishman" representative who personally delivered the letter bomb addressed to the editor to Colonel Muspratt-Williams this morning says that the letter took the form of a small envelope apparently with the intention of tearing off a small piece of paper containing sticky substance, when there was a great flare and the room was filled with smoke.

Mr. Bird, head assistant, was in the room with the pressman. Colonel Muspratt-Williams staggered and put his hand over his face and Mr. Bird went forward to assist him.

Colonel Muspratt-Williams quickly recovered saying, "It was nothing." It was seen that his moustache and eyebrows were practically burnt away and his face pitted with small red marks.

His waistcoat was badly scorched. The flare and smoke brought several chimpanzees into the room. For a moment Colonel Muspratt-Williams did not feel pain, but when he went to wash his face the skin began to peel off and it was evident he was in need of immediate medical attention.

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COMMERCIAL**SEAL REPORT.**

Messrs Vernon and Smyth, in their weekly share report, dated Dec. 12th, state—

The local market during the week has been fairly active, but no particular changes have taken place with the exception of a few stocks. The market in Langkats has again been erratic and after touching Tia 32 buyers has been weakened to a buying quotation of Tia 28. The "Oil" market has again ruled very quiet though prices according to our latest London advice, are slightly higher. The tone of the Rubber market is advised from London as being strong, but transactions are still very limited. The Tin market is advised as being harder, and inquiries now appear to be more general. Fine Haid Para is advised at 3/6 per lb., and Plantation Sheets easier at 2/3 per lb. The open market rate of discount is unchanged from last week viz. 4 1/2 per cent and the Bank of England remains at last week's quotation viz. 5 per cent. Bar Silver is quoted at 28 1/2 for ready, and 26 1/2 for forward. Sterling T.T. closes at 1/11 1/2. Shanghai T.T. at 7/4 and Singapore T.T. at 8/3. Consols being advised as standing at 72 1/2 div.

Banks—Hongkong and Shanghai have remained stationary at 7/30 at which price shares have been dealt in. London market is unchanged with a middle quotation of 57 1/2-10/ and sellers at 58.

Marine Insurance—Unions have been a very quiet market, and close with a nominal quotation of 28/10, small buyers being in evidence at this figure, but no shares offering. Cautions have changed hands at 53/10, and now close with sellers at 53/5. North China are again unchanged with a nominal quotation of Tia 123, and Yangtze are unchanged at 51/2 1/2 nominal, exchange 73.

Fire Insurance—China Fires have been sold at 11/1, and now close with sellers at 11/1 1/2. A small number of Hongkong Fires are on offer at 13/0, but no business has to be recorded.

Shipping—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been sold at 22/9, but close slightly easier with buyers offering 22/8. Indo-China still remain a quiet market with a few shares having changed hands at 28/0, and at which price they close with a nominal quotation. The London middle price being advised as 16/0. China and Mania have strengthened and changed hands at the improved price of 21/0 at which figure more shares can probably be placed. Star Ferries have again hardened and are now inquired for at 4/5, but no shares are on offer. Douglas remain on offer at 4/0 but without leading to business.

Oil—Shells are slightly stronger and are advised from London as having a middle quotation of 100/0. Mexican Eagles are unchanged with a middle quotation of 40/0 and Ural Caspians have improved to a middle price of 51/3.

Refineries—China Sugars have weakened to a buying quotation of 8/4. Luxons are also easier, and are on offer at 4/0, without finding a buyer.

Wool—Wool have changed hands at 32/0 and now close with buyers offering 32/10. Haswoods are unchanged from last week viz. 2/6 nominal, and Kallies remain a middle quotation of 23/0. Tronches being advised as 4 1/2 middle.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have again attracted a venture and been sold at 7/8 for cash but have now weakened to a selling quotation of 7/2. Kowloon Wharves have also eased and close with a seller at 5/3 1/2. No change has to be reported in connection with Amoy Docks, and they again close with a nominal quotation of 8/4. Shanghai Docks have been a quiet market all week and close at previously reported viz. Tia 54 nominal. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves are unchanged with a nominal quotation of Tia 110.

Gold, Silver and Bullion—Hongkong Gold has been bought and changed hands at 1/10 1/2 per ounce, and is now being offered at 1/11 1/2. Silver is now being offered at 1/11 1/2 per ounce, and is now being offered at 1/11 1/2 per ounce.

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COMMERCIAL**SEAL REPORT.**

Messrs Vernon and Smyth, in their weekly share report, dated Dec. 12th, state—

The local market during the week has been fairly active, but no particular changes have taken place with the exception of a few stocks. The market in Langkats has again been erratic and after touching Tia 32 buyers has been weakened to a buying quotation of Tia 28. The "Oil" market has again ruled very quiet though prices according to our latest London advice, are slightly higher. The tone of the Rubber market is advised from London as being strong, but transactions are still very limited. The Tin market is advised as being harder, and inquiries now appear to be more general. Fine Haid Para is advised at 3/6 per lb., and Plantation Sheets easier at 2/3 per lb. The open market rate of discount is unchanged from last week viz. 4 1/2 per cent and the Bank of England remains at last week's quotation viz. 5 per cent. Bar Silver is quoted at 28 1/2 for ready, and 26 1/2 for forward. Sterling T.T. closes at 1/11 1/2. Shanghai T.T. at 7/4 and Singapore T.T. at 8/3. Consols being advised as standing at 72 1/2 div.

Banks—Hongkong and Shanghai have remained stationary at 7/30 at which price shares have been dealt in. London market is unchanged with a middle quotation of 57 1/2-10/ and sellers at 58.

Marine Insurance—Unions have been a very quiet market, and close with a nominal quotation of 28/10, small buyers being in evidence at this figure, but no shares offering. Cautions have changed hands at 53/10, and now close with sellers at 53/5. North China are again unchanged with a nominal quotation of Tia 123, and Yangtze are unchanged at 51/2 1/2 nominal, exchange 73.

Fire Insurance—China Fires have been sold at 11/1, and now close with sellers at 11/1 1/2. A small number of Hongkong Fires are on offer at 13/0, but no business has to be recorded.

Shipping—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been sold at 22/9, but close slightly easier with buyers offering 22/8. Indo-China still remain a quiet market with a few shares having changed hands at 28/0, and at which price they close with a nominal quotation. The London middle price being advised as 16/0. China and Mania have strengthened and changed hands at the improved price of 21/0 at which figure more shares can probably be placed. Star Ferries have again hardened and are now inquired for at 4/5, but no shares are on offer. Douglas remain on offer at 4/0 but without leading to business.

Oil—Shells are slightly stronger and are advised from London as having a middle quotation of 100/0. Mexican Eagles are unchanged with a middle quotation of 40/0 and Ural Caspians have improved to a middle price of 51/3.

Refineries—China Sugars have weakened to a buying quotation of 8/4. Luxons are also easier, and are on offer at 4/0, without finding a buyer.

Wool—Wool have changed hands at 32/0 and now close with buyers offering 32/10. Haswoods are unchanged from last week viz. 2/6 nominal, and Kallies remain a middle quotation of 23/0. Tronches being advised as 4 1/2 middle.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have again attracted a venture and been sold at 7/8 for cash but have now weakened to a selling quotation of 7/2. Kowloon Wharves have also eased and close with a seller at 5/3 1/2. No change has to be reported in connection with Amoy Docks, and they again close with a nominal quotation of 8/4. Shanghai Docks have been a quiet market all week and close at previously reported viz. Tia 54 nominal. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves are unchanged with a nominal quotation of Tia 110.

Gold, Silver and Bullion—Hongkong Gold has been bought and changed hands at 1/10 1/2 per ounce, and is now being offered at 1/11 1/2. Silver is now being offered at 1/11 1/2 per ounce, and is now being offered at 1/11 1/2 per ounce.

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1,005,000 pounds (16,000 tons) in 1902 to 1,867,000 pounds (29,800 tons) in 1912, iron and manganese ore from 240,000,000 pounds (3,840,000 tons) in 1902 to 425,000,000 pounds (6,400,000 tons) in 1911, cotton yarns from 16,000,000 pounds (256,000 tons) in 1902 to 21,000,000 pounds (336,000 tons) in 1911, beet sugar from 64,000,000 pounds (1,024,000 tons) in 1902 to 114,000,000 pounds (1,824,000 tons) in 1911, and so on. Agriculture during this period has been in a flourishing condition, thanks to several good harvests, and this circumstance led to a great extension of trade, both foreign and home, and consequently to increased traffic on the railways. The railways were compelled to extend their transport capacity to the utmost limits, and by this means were able for the time being to meet the demands of the market.

The leading authorities on railway building maintain that the present industrial and agricultural growth of Russia requires the building of at least 5,000 versts (3,300 miles) of new railways within the European provinces per annum, and that if the building of new railways is not proceeded with more expeditiously the growth of the country will be stunted and an economic crisis brought about. Among other causes, the delay in new railway building is generally attributed to the necessity of preliminary study and of approval of all proposed lines by the Department of Railways. The small proportion of private application granted to build new lines is calculated to discourage private initiative, although there is no lack of scope for profitable railway building. Without mentioning Siberia, it may be stated that within European Russia there are enormous regions that are utterly devoid of means of communication. In this category may be included practically the whole of Northern Russia. Up to the present time this territory, exceeding in size the whole of the German Empire, has only one railway—a narrow gauge line from Archangel to Vologda—and in consequence the wealth of timber and minerals in this region is still virtually untouched. The Committee of New Railways has recently considered three proposals to remedy this deficiency. The most important one provides for the construction of a Ural-White Sea line from Nadezhdinsk northward along the eastern slopes of the Ural, the main line then crossing the mountain chain, while a branch line is laid eastward to the Ob, connecting the whole of the river systems of Eastern Siberia, including Lake Baikal, with the White Sea. The Ural-White Sea line would reduce freights to and from Siberia; it would stimulate the opening of the Ukhla oilfields, and bring life to the enormously wealthy region of the Northern Ural by affording means for the export of timber and minerals and the import of coal and machinery. Another proposed railway is called the Kara-Peichora line. It proceeds from Ussak northward to Troitsk. The third proposal contemplates the linking together of Kotlas and Archangel. By this means rail transport to the White Sea from Siberia would be 200 miles shorter than to the Baltic. There is also a fourth scheme, which has for its object the connexion of Otdorsk on the Ob with Medynsk on the Arctic Ocean, in order to avoid the uncertainties of the Kara Sea route. It is to be hoped that the conditions under which private enterprise can undertake to build railways in Russia will, in view of the urgency of the matter, be simplified and facilitated.

Whistler was once walking through a field, when suddenly he found that a huge bull was making straight towards him. He ran as he had never run before.

Then he reached the other side of the fence, he saw a farmer, the owner of the field, coolly watching the proceedings.

Mr. Whistler was furious, and shaking his fist at the farmer, said, "What do you mean, sir, by letting a savage bull like that roam at large? Do you know who I am, Mr. Whistler?"

"Are you?" replied the farmer. "What's that good of telling me? Why didn't you tell the bull?"

Meanwhile the economic development of the country has been generally advancing. Thus for the first year since 1911 there were 770 new companies formed with capital of 1,000,000,000 (20,000,000,000). The output in the various branches of industry also increased considerably.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The register of chemists and druggists is gazetted to-day.

The German Mail of the 13th Nov. was delivered in London on the 12th Dec.

The ship "Montcalm" is expected to arrive at Hongkong on Sunday, 14th December (H.E. Rear-Admiral Calloch de Kerillis).

Mr. G. A. Caldwell, secretary of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., returned from the south yesterday by the German mail.

The R. V. J. K. Macdonald will address the meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at St. Paul's College on Monday next at 5.30 p.m.

Invitations are out for the annual ball of the Tai Koo Club on Friday, January 2nd. The Kowloon Dock invitation ball takes place as usual on Hogmanay night.

Commissary of Ordnance and Honorary Major A. J. Brown, Army Ordnance Department, who was invalided home from Hongkong some months ago has retired on pension.

The total output of the Kailash Mining Administration's mines for the week ending November 29 amounted to 52,811.43 tons and the sales during the period to 47,389.58 tons.

Sir Oliver Lodge warns our friends at home to expect a severe winter. There is unanimity of the portents, he claims, in support of his belief that they are in for hard weather ere the spring-time comes. He bases his forecast on the succession of mild winters in recent years, and the warmth of last autumn and summer. Sir Oliver's reading of the signs suggests that the weather will be clear as well as cold.

Clad in disreputable garments and with improvised straw sandals on his feet a European named Joseph Gallagher appeared before Mr. Wood at the Magistrate's court yesterday on a charge of unlawfully absconding himself from the house of detention since September. Gallagher sent a letter to the jail superintendent informing him that he had secured work, and in answer to Mr. Wood's inquiry this morning he stated that he had been staying visitors round the town. He was sent to prison for fourteen days.

Since the demolition of the clock tower the need for a public timepiece in the centre of the city has been keenly felt. This want has now been supplied by the enterprising Tramway Company who completed yesterday the fitting of the illuminated direction sign and clock which has been for some time in course of erection on the tram track opposite Jardine's and the Post Office corner. The new timepiece, which is regulated from the Royal Observatory electrically, can be plainly seen from three or four directions and will prove a great convenience. The direction sign gives useful information concerning the tram routes for the guidance of strangers.

A verdict of \$7,000 damages against a thirteen-year-old boy has been returned by the United States Supreme Court. The plaintiff was a servant employed in the family of the boy's father. She sued his son, Walter, for \$25,000 on the ground that three years ago he struck her when she reproved him because he was helping himself to jam in the pantry. Her testimony showed that the boy developed from the boy's blow. As a boy will have no property from which the judgment can be collected until after he is of legal age, says The New York Sun, the plaintiff will be compelled to wait for some years unless the judgment is settled in his behalf before that time.

Lord Northcliffe's reference to King Charles's cry for his lost dog as being among the earliest English newspaper advertisements reminds one of the tone of those pioneer announcements. Here, then, is Charles in search of a dog: "We must call upon you again for a Black Dog, between a Greyhound and a Spaniel, no white about him, only a streak on his breast and his tail a little bobbed. It is his Majesty's own dog, and doubtless was stolen from the dog was not born nor bred in England and I never forsake his Majesty. Whosoever finds him may acquire any amount of wealth, for the dog was better known at Court than those who stole him. Will they never leave robbing his Majesty? Must he not keep a dog? This dog's place is the only place which nobody offers to buy." (D.C.)

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VISIT OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDO-CHINA.

OFFICIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The official arrangements in connection with the visit of H.E. the Governor-General of Indo-China, M. Albert Sarraut, to Hongkong, are as follows:

The ship "Montcalm" is expected to arrive at Hongkong on Sunday, 14th December (H.E. Rear-Admiral Calloch de Kerillis).

On Monday, 15th December, the following programme will be carried out:

8 a.m.—Salute of 21 guns from "Montcalm." Salute of 21 guns from Battery, Kowloon.

9.45 a.m.—H.E. M. Albert Sarraut will land at Blaka Pier and be received with a Guard of Honour of 100 2nd Battalion D.C.L.I., with Regimental Colour and Band and salute of 17 guns. He will proceed to Government House.

10 a.m.—H.E. Rear-Admiral Calloch de Kerillis will land at Blaka Pier and be received with a Guard of Honour of 50 2nd Batt. D.C.L.I., with Regimental Colour and Band and salute of 18 guns. He will proceed to Government House.

10.15 a.m.—H.E. M. Sarraut will proceed to the French Consulate.

10.45 a.m.—H.E. the Officer Administering the Government will return H.E. M. Sarraut's call at the French Consulate.

11 a.m.—H.E. Vice-Admiral Jernam, C.B., H.E. Major-General F. E. Kelly, C.B., and Commodore R. H. Anstruther, C.M.G., will call on H.E. M. Sarraut at the French Consulate.

11.00 a.m.—H.E. the Officer Administering the Government will return H.E. Rear-Admiral de Kerillis' call on the "Montcalm."

From 11.30 to 12.30—M. de Sarraut will return calls.

1.30 p.m.—H.E. M. Sarraut and H.E. Rear-Admiral de Kerillis will go to luncheon at Government House.

Tuesday.—H.E. Vice-Admiral Jernam, C.B., gives a dance on H.M.S. "Minotaur."

Wednesday.—H.E. M. Albert Sarraut and Rear-Admiral de Kerillis will be present at a dance given by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government at Government House.

Thursday.—A dinner party will be given at the French Consulate.

NOVEMBER WEATHER.

The meteorological report published in today's "Gazette" shows that during the month of November the mean maximum temperature was 74.0 degrees; the mean 70.0, and the mean minimum 66.0. On two days the thermometer fell to 62.0. The sunshine recorded was 171.8 hours; and only 0.740 inch of rain fell.

SHIPPING LINES AND PASSENGER FARES.

The Question of the Surtax.

A correspondent, writing to the "Times" voices sentiments which are entertained throughout the East—Anglo-Indians will have read with pleasure that the differences between the P. and O. Company and their officers have been adjusted presumably by compromise, in whole or in part, of the officers' claims. May I be allowed to call attention to a grievance of P. and O. passengers, in the hope that it also may be redressed. This is the tax of 10 per cent. levied by the P. and O. (and by other Indian steamship companies) in excess of their nominal passenger rates.

Some years ago this tax was imposed as a temporary measure in consequence of the abnormally high price of coal then prevailing. Subsequently coal fell to its normal price, but the tax continues to this day.

It may be questioned if the steamship companies have a legal right to impose anything in the nature of a "tax" on their passengers; but in any case the permanent imposition of the tax after the reason of its existence has disappeared, is felt as a serious grievance by travellers to and from India.

MESSAGE IN A CHEESE.

A grocer at Southwick, Sunderland, recently made a curious discovery. When cutting through a cheese his cutting wire encountered some hard substance, and he was obliged to finish the halving process with a knife. In the centre of the cheese he found a small tin box containing three pennies and a request that the grocer would communicate with the New Zealand cheese manufacturer, informing him as to whether the cheese was purchased as New Zealand or Canadian cheese. The tradesman has complied with the request, telling the New Zealand dairyman that the cheese was sold to him as Canadian produce.

CAT DECIDES A LAWSUIT.

A black and white Persian cat, the ownership of which was in dispute at Rochester County Court recently, was quite unceremonious when the plaintiff, who called "Jim," asked the judge to decide the case. The judge, who was called "Sam," then asked the cat to decide the case. The cat, who was called "Tom," then decided the case in favour of the plaintiff.

ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD A BANK.

LOST CHEQUE PRESENTED.

Some time ago Chan Kai Ming, the Hongkong Optician, made out a couple of cheques upon his account, and presented them to the bank, and nothing more was heard of them. Yesterday, when one of the missing cheques, for \$14,000, was presented for payment by a Chinese at the Chartered Bank.

The man apparently reckoned on the amount being paid over without comment, but as is usual in such cases the clerk left the counter to make inquiries. This apparently alarmed the man, for he promptly cleared off. Search was made for him, and the police were informed, but so far no arrest has been made.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock ... \$30

THIRD YEAR OF CHINESE REPUBLIC.

Estimate of Expenditure.

The Ministry of Finance has made an estimate of the national expenditures for the third fiscal year of the Republic which was based upon the reports from the various Ministries, says the "Min Su Pao." The sum of all the items amounts to \$925,000,000. The expenditures are distributed under four heads, as follows:

ORDINARY EXPENDITURES.
Administrative expenses of various Ministries \$400,000,000
Loan repayments 10,000,000
Total \$410,000,000

The above sums are recurrent every year.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES.
Construction work \$80,000,000
Disbandment of troops 15,000,000
Reorganization of Salt Gabelle 30,000,000
Arrears of indemnity, and loans 60,000,000
Total \$185,000,000

The above sums are extraordinary and are non-recurrent.

RESERVE FUND.
Fund for reforming the Currency and the Banking System \$200,000,000
Increase of Capital for Bank of China 30,000,000
Total \$230,000,000

It is not necessary to get together the entire sum represented above within one year.

INDUSTRIAL FUND.
Fund for development of various industries \$100,000,000
This is an item of the recurrent nature. Foreign loans will be contracted for the development of industries.
The sum total of the above four items amount to \$925,000,000.

STUPIDITY OF KISSING.

A Woman Doctor's Warnings to Women.

Extravagant noies of dress, "that utterly stupid custom of kissing," and what may be described as the "influenza tea," were strongly condemned by Dr. Mary Scharlieb in the course of a lecture on "Woman's Physical Energy—Her Health and How to Maintain It," given last month at the Institute of Hygiene, London.

The largest number of colds, said Dr. Scharlieb, were caught from kissing, and women were the worst offenders. Their carelessness in this and other respects was often responsible for the spread of influenza, which many of them persisted in regarding as a minor ailment. Women suffering from influenza would light-heartedly invite their friends to go to tea with them and cheer them up. If only influenza had been endowed with a nice red rash, it was suggested, these invitations would be less frequent and the disease less common. In general the health of the body depended on three things: integrity of structure, regularity of function, and suitability of environment. The first depended on inheritance, and it was pointed out as a curious fact that more attention was given to the breeding of pedigree dogs or special varieties of dogs and cats than to the human beings of the future.

Hindrances to the preservation of health furnished a text from which to preach on the follies of women who, through ignorance or carelessness, deliberately induce in practice injuries to their constitutions. It is a common saying that "every woman is at heart a doctor and like to dabble in physic." But the habits, unchecked, led to disastrous results, and drugs, such as tonics, veronal, phenacetin and pyral, alcohol, and medicines which were things which every woman who valued her health should learn to avoid.

Food, dress, and exercise were important considerations from the point of view of health. In this connection "lunches of pastry cakes, and ginger beer," were condemned. So, too, were tight dresses, high-heeled shoes and heavy, low-cut blouses for women who work. The lecturer pointed out also the disadvantages of cheap and quick locomotion, which tempted women to "save themselves" trouble, and thus deprive themselves of the opportunity of the healthy necessary exercise of walking.

THE CHILDREN'S COLDS.

IT IS THE CHILDREN'S COLDS AND CROUP, says Dr. Scharlieb, which weaken the vitality of the children, and which, if not properly treated, may lead to permanent damage to the system.

SPONTING.

BASEBALL.

White Sox and Giants.

Parting Hark to Tomorrow.

The Hongkong public will be given tomorrow a unique opportunity of witnessing American baseball at its best. Mr. D. W. Craddock, agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, secured information by wireless this morning that the White Sox and Giants, who are on a world tour would like to give an exhibition game on their arrival by the Empress of Japan, and the secretary of the Hongkong Football Club has courteously placed the club ground at their disposal.

The match should arouse a great deal of interest as the White Sox and Giants, who are on a world's tour, comprise the pick of America's players. From Hongkong they go to Manila, and afterwards to Australia.

The match, to which all will be admitted free, is timed for 1.30 p.m.

JAPANESE FINANCE.

Statement by the Financial Commissioner.

Mr. Kengo Mori, Japanese Financial Commissioner, in Europe, who recently returned to London after several months' leave of absence in Japan, in discussing with Reuters' representative the present state of Japanese finance, Mr. Mori said:

The present financial strength of Japan is due to two factors; first, a surplus of \$9,400,000 in the accounts for the year 1912-13, and second, the economies brought about by the administrative reform of the present Cabinet in the actual operation of the Budget for this year. Of the surplus above mentioned a sum of \$7,400,000 has been already set aside for supplementary items of the Budget for the present year, thus leaving a balance of \$2,000,000 available for the financial year 1914-15. The existence of this surplus is to be attributed to the purely natural increase in revenue brought about by the general prosperity of the country.

REDUCTION OF SIX MILLIONS IN EXPENDITURE.

The administrative reforms have already effected a reduction of \$6,000,000 in expenditure, the greater portion of which will be of a permanent nature. In this case we have an actual saving of \$3,900,000, available for this year. The result of all this saving is that at the end of the year the Government will have a free balance of \$7,500,000 available for next year's budget. Beyond this, however, our administrative reform scheme will effect a saving of \$2,400,000 for 1914-15, and the estimated natural increase in the reserve for next year will be \$1,200,000. Thus the Minister of Finance will have a balance of \$13,000,000 at his disposal when framing his new budget. The details of this budget have not yet been settled, but it is certain that the Sinking Fund, \$1,000,000 of which goes to foreign bondholders, will be maintained. I may add that the second purchase of Four and a Half per Cent. bonds for this year will be made next month.

TRADE STEADILY INCREASING.

Turning to Japanese trade, the Finance Commissioner referred to the pessimistic views expressed in various quarters, and said: "There is no ground for pessimism, as everything shows that trade and general prosperity are steadily increasing. The rice crop has been good; it has been an excellent year for the silk industry, and there has been a big increase in the tonnage of freight of the railways. The tonnage of ships, too, in a period of eight months, has shown a greater increase than in any previous twelve months. There is an enormous increase in the volume of foreign trade. Though the excess of the export over the import for the year will not be much less than that of last year, it should be noted that by far the greater portion of the import is raw material and machinery. The export to China has been steadily growing, and the increase of this year up to September is by 60 per cent. The one satisfactory feature of the financial situation is the high rate of interest and low prices of securities prevailing during the latter part of this year. But this is the only thing to be noted as a sign of the money market all over the world, and partly to the great industrial activity, calling for increased capital, during the previous year. As the world's money market now seems to have been at its worst I see no reason why Japan should not expect better times with the new year."

CHINA'S EDUCATIONAL NEEDS.

Perhaps the most pressing of all, says a writer in the National Review (China), is the establishment of a satisfactory system of primary schools, since, after all, this is really the most important phase of a nation's education. At the present time, however, any complete national system of elementary education is conspicuous by its absence. There are, in fact, certain important towns where technical institutes and colleges of higher learning have a more or less unbroken existence, but everywhere else, from the remotest of the provinces to the most crowded of the cities, the state of the primary schools is such that the children must go to the village school, and there, if they are lucky, they will find a teacher who can read and write, and who will teach them the rudiments of arithmetic and geography.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

A WEALTHY CANADIAN CONTRACTOR.

LEAVES \$3,000,000.

LONDON, Dec. 12. A telegram from Ottawa states that the railway contractor, Colonel Ross, left three million sterling. There are large bequests to the McGill University and to charities.

THE JOHANNESBURG SHOOTING AFFRAY.

LONDON, Dec. 12. A Johannesburg telegram states that up to the present no attempt has been made to extract the bullet in Sir Lionel Phillips, one of which pierced the liver and lung. His general condition last night was good. His assailant was a Russian Jew whom Sir Lionel had constantly befriended.

Sir L. Phillips Condition Favourable.

LONDON, Dec. 13. A Johannesburg telegram states that the man Dissim, who attempted to assassinate Sir Lionel Phillips, the Rand magnate, has been charged with murder and remained under medical supervision with the object of ascertaining his state of mind. Sir Lionel Phillips' condition continues favourable.

MORE SEIZURES OF ARMS.

LONDON, Dec. 13. Seizures of small consignments of arms are being made at Irish ports almost daily.

SPANISH BANK SUSPENDS PAYMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 12. Following a continuous "run" on the Hispano-American Bank yesterday, says Reuter's Madrid correspondent, the Bank has today suspended payment. It has a paid-up capital of £1,500,000 and current accounts totalling £4,000,000. The Bank is largely interested in Mexico.

THE MEXICAN TROUBLE.

LONDON, Dec. 12. The British residents of Tampico are on board a steamer chartered by the British Admiral and manned by blue-jackets.

Hard Fighting.

The latest news from Mexico is that the insurgents are vigorously attacking Tampico, and there has been hard fighting since last evening. The liner Kron Prinzessin Cecilie has already embarked a number of refugees, and the American Admiral Fletcher says he is prepared to take the refugees on his vessels and to land marines if advisable.

THE CUBAN SUGAR CROP.

LONDON, Dec. 12. Another estimate of the Cuban sugar crop puts it at 2,569,000 tons.

PRESIDENT WILSON INDISPOSED.

LONDON, Dec. 12. A telegram from Washington states that President Wilson is in bed suffering from a cold.

THE STRANDING OF THE "SAN GIORGIO."

Result of the Inquiry.

LONDON, Dec. 12. Reuter's correspondent at Rome states that as a result of the inquiry into the stranding of the cruiser San Giorgio, Rear-Admiral Gagni and Captain Cacato have been placed on half-pay.

A STRIKE OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES.

LONDON, Dec. 12. Three thousand employees of the Leeds Municipality are on strike. The streets are unkept, and those which are equally lit by gas are in darkness.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

UNITED STATES MEXICAN POLICY.

SUPPORT FROM EX-PRESIDENT TAFT.

LONDON, Dec. 13. A telegram from New York states that ex-President Taft, in addressing the Peace Society, urged all to support President Wilson's Mexican policy, and thus present a solid front.

FAMOUS PICTURE DISCOVERED.

The "Mona Lisa."

PARIS, Dec. 13. A telegram from Rome states that it is officially announced that the famous picture, "La Gioconda" (the "Mona Lisa"), stolen from the Louvre in 1911, has been found at Florence and is now in possession of the authorities. The alleged thief is an Italian. He was arrested after he had tried to sell the picture to a Florentine picture dealer. The dealer communicated with the authorities and a Director of Fine Arts who was sent to the shop identified the picture, and the Government notified the French Embassy. Brissac says that he stole the picture to avenge Napoleon's art thefts in Italy.

THE HOME RULE CRISIS.

Premier and Opposition Leader Confering.

LONDON, Dec. 12. The Times says it has the highest authority for stating that an interchange of views between Mr. Asquith and Mr. Bonar Law on the subject of the Irish crisis has actually begun. Mr. Bonar Law, speaking at Curzon, again invited the Government to produce proposals for dealing with Ulster. He said the chance of settlement was smaller now than it was six weeks ago. The Government had drifted too long.

Preliminary Proceedings.

LATER. It is stated in political circles that the preliminaries to conversations on "Home Rule have taken place, with the view to a more definite exchange of views before Christmas.

DRILL INSTEAD OF FOOTBALL IN IRELAND.

LONDON, Dec. 12. Special meetings of the North of Ireland, Queen's University and Malone Rugby Clubs have been called at Belfast to arrange for the cancellation of all Club engagements during the crisis in Ulster and engage in drilling instead.

(Wah Yee Yat Po's Service.)

THE CHINESE CONSTITUTION.

Old Draft Cancelled.

PEKING, Dec. 10. The draft Constitution has been cancelled in its entirety and a committee will be formed to make a new draft. The committee will meet towards the end of the month in the capital and each province will be represented by three members.

CHINESE NEWS.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 10. Five thousand Northern troops have arrived at Wuchang. It is stated that the dispute between Chun Hsun's and Fung Kwok Chang's soldiers will be settled in an amicable manner. Tien Chi Sui has arrived with his staff at Wuchang, where he will act as Governor during the absence of Li Yuan Hung in Peking.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

A WIRELESS WONDER. MESSAGE TRAVELS 3,348 MILES.

LONDON, Dec. 13. Several wireless messages from the great German central station at Nauen have been received at Togo-land—a distance of 3,348 miles away.

THE LABOUR TROUBLES IN DUBLIN.

A Distressing Accident.

LONDON, Dec. 12. Mr. Holloway, Vice-Chairman of the Dublin Port Docks Board, has been accidentally shot by a non-Unionist carrier who was firing a revolver at striker assaults. Mr. Holloway was taken to hospital and his condition is considered critical.

FRENCH POLITICS.

Vote of Confidence in the Cabinet.

LONDON, Dec. 12. The Chamber has passed a vote of confidence in the Cabinet by 302 votes to 141. In the course of the debate M. Cailhau stated that he would carry out the Three Years' Military Service Law. The expenditure needed for this would be partly borne by the taxation of unearned income.

THE HONGKONG CHESS CLUB.

Annual General Meeting.

The annual general meeting of members of Hongkong Chess Club was held on Thursday evening at the City Hall Library. The Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., presided and there were also present: Dr. Ishak, Dr. Hirsjes, Messrs J. H. Kemp, M. J. Danenberg, R. A. Dastar, A. Bidal, J. Millar, B. Neves, H. M. Baste, V. Souza, F. E. Carvalho, A. J. C. de Silva, A. Silva Netto, and Dr. E. Carvalho (Hon. Secretary). The Chairman, in his report upon the year's work, said the accounts, which had been prepared by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M. J. Danenberg, show a balance of \$171.14 in hand, which may be taken as quite satisfactory having regard to the fact that there is no entrance fee and that the subscription is only the modest sum of \$2 a year. Since the last annual meeting had been several matches had been played, including the competition for the challenge shield presented by him, which was won by the Chess Club against the Club Lusitano by the narrow margin of half a point. Last season there were only three teams competing for the shield, but it is hoped that in the next competition, which will begin next month, others such as Naval and Military Teams, the Hongkong University and the leading schools, will take part. It was hoped that the Members of the club would approve of a suggestion, brought forward at a recent committee meeting, that the club should present a challenge shield for competition by the different educational institutions of the Colony. It is also hoped that they would sanction the procuring of a medal for the championship of the club to be competed for on Thursday.

The accounts were passed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Dastar. The present committee, consisting of Mr. Pollock (President), Mr. M. J. Danenberg (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. D. E. Carvalho (Hon. Secretary), Mr. H. M. Baste, and Mr. P. A. Rosario was re-elected for the ensuing year. The committee was empowered to spend a sum of \$50 on a challenge shield for competition between the different educational institutions in the Colony, and a sum of about \$100 on a championship medal to be held by the champion of the club for the time being, and to be competed for on Thursdays in a single-game match; also to buy small prizes for competition among the B. class of players. This terminated the business and a single game match, Hongkong v. Kowloon, was then played, with the following result:

HONGKONG.	KOWLOON.
Pollock.....1 v. Ishak.....0	
D. E. Carvalho.....1 v. Hirsjes.....0	
Rosario.....0 v. Souza.....1	
Dastar.....0 v. Kemp.....1	
Danenberg.....0 v. Baste.....1	
Neves.....0 v. F. E. Carvalho.....1	
De Silva.....1 v. J. Millar.....0	
Bidal.....0 v. E. Potts.....1	
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A PLUCKY SERVANT GIRL.

CAPTURES A THIEF.

Considerable pluck was shown by a servant girl employed by Mr. P. K. Kwok, of 7, Arbuthnot Road yesterday in dealing with a thief who entered her master's house while the family was at dinner. The thief, an ex-laborer of rather forbidding aspect, by climbing a party wall, reached the verandah where a raincoat belonging to Mr. Kwok attracted his notice. Mrs. Kwok saw the thief and immediately blew a police whistle, whereupon the ex-guardian of the law dropped the coat and made off, closely followed by the servant. She overtook him on the stairs pluckily seized him and held on until the arrival of Chinese constable 220, who took the thief to the Central Police Station, which is quite near. The plucky servant girl in the police Court this morning told her story of the capture as if catching burglars was but a trifling incident in her daily round, but unconsciously brought an expression of surprise from the magistrate, who sentenced her captive to three months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks.

WIRELESS "EYE" TO SEE BY NIGHT.

A wireless "eye," which will enable navigators to survey the ocean within a radius of several miles, even on the darkest night, is promised by Mr. S. Spitz, a San Francisco inventor, who is conducting exhaustive experiments at Vallojo, California. The instrument, which works only at night, says the New York correspondent of the "Nets Guardian," reflects on a mirror a moving picture of everything within a certain radius, and the inventor claims that a ship equipped with his device need never fear collisions, shoals, icebergs, or similar dangers. The picture is reflected on to the mirror by what the inventor calls "Stygian rays" projected from a web of wires erected on a tall mast.

THE OLD DESERT.

Nothing is more notable in Australia than the fact that there are many young Australians to-day roaming good crops from areas which were marked on the maps as "deserts" when they went to school; in fact some of the most prosperous districts were not long ago shown on the school maps as "deserts" or uninhabited spaces. As settlement has pushed on, and the land-seeker has had to go further in for his selection, these blanks have been filled with prosperous settlements. Thriving towns are growing here and there, and instead of being shown "deserts" the school children in Australia to-day are being taught the names of these agricultural towns. The same thing applies to Australia as a whole. Maps get out of date rapidly on account of the changes being effected throughout the country.

CHINESE TARIFF REFORM.

Sir Edward Grey, the London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, has been informed that the Chinese Government have decided to invite the Powers to agree to a revision of the Chinese tariff. This step is said to be necessary in view of the strained condition of China's finances. The effect of the proposals, it is said, will be to increase the burden on imported goods by raising the duty from 5 to 12.5 per cent. on the average, and to abolish the sakin and other inland duties as compensation. In August last year the Chinese Government notified their desire to revise the import tariff of 1902. They claimed that the prices of goods had changed so much during the last ten years that the specific duty of 5 per cent. based on the average price of imported goods in 1897-1900 did not amount to 5 per cent. of the average price of goods ruling in recent years. It may, therefore, be that the latest proposal of China is merely to change the basis of the specific duty of 5 per cent. and not to raise it to 12.5 per cent., as reported. However this may be, the raising of the Chinese import duties was approved in principle by Japan and Great Britain about ten years ago. China, however, has so far failed to fulfil her own part of the agreement—the unification of her currency system and her system of weights and measures—but it is understood that she is willing to undertake these reforms at once.

TOO LAZY TO LIVE.

Too tired to breathe," was the only cause that could be ascribed by doctors for the death of James J. Munroe, of Joraville, who was known as the laziest man in Illinois. For the last fifteen years he refused to learn his letters, and he refused to work, although he had no disease or physical disability.

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BERLIN DAILY PRESS.

Safeguarding The Kaiser's Interests.

Current changes or pending changes in the proprietorship of leading Berlin daily newspapers border on the sensational. Negotiations are going on for the purchase of a large number of shares, at present held by Herr August Scherl, in the "Lokal Anzeiger" Company. The purchasers are described as a group of industrial and banking firms of Western Germany, but they undoubtedly represent the interest, not financial, but political, of the Kaiser himself. The importance of this deal lies in the fact that the "Lokal Anzeiger" might otherwise have come into control which would have prevented it in future from being used as a medium for semi-official utterances. The Scherl firm is also in control of "Der Tag" and "Die Woche."

The controlling interest in the "Vossische Zeitung" has been transferred to the firm of Ullstein and Company, who are publishers of the "Berliner Mid-day Zeitung," the "Morgenpost," the "Berliner Zeitung," and a number of other periodicals. Until recently it had been controlled by the banking firm of Speyer, Ellissen, and Co., and for some time it has been eagerly campaigning in favour of better relations between England and Germany. The Scherl, Ullstein, and Moss ("Berliner Tageblatt," "Berliner Volks-Zeitung") firms now control five sixths of Berlin's total output in daily and weekly newspapers. Between them they own the three newspapers with the largest circulations in Berlin—"Morgenpost," 39,000; "Tageblatt," 30,000; "Lokal Anzeiger," 250,000. The "important" agricultural newspapers the "Deutsche Tageszeitung" and the "Vorwaerts" are the only other two newspapers with circulations even distantly approaching these figures. Nevertheless, owing to the political constitution of Germany, Conservative organs such as the "Kreuzzeitung" and the "Post," and the Roman Catholic "Germania" are often more important than far more popular and widely read newspapers with a Liberal or Radical tendency. The "Vossische" is the oldest newspaper in Berlin, and its reprinting of numbers recording the Napoleonic campaigns of a hundred years ago have recently been one of the curiosities of the day. Its tendencies are generally Liberal (in the English and not in the German sense of the word) and anti-Conservative; it retains certain old privileges for publishing official advertisements and also has the honoured position of being the German newspaper published here earliest, for two editions daily and one on Sunday, at 11 a. month.

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